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## Provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

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# Provisional annotated agenda

## 1. Opening of the session

The Executive Board will hear statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

## Organizational and procedural matters

**2. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work**
*For action [E/ICEF/2012/9]*

The provisional agenda has been drafted in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

## Programme and policy matters

**3. Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF: progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan**
*For action [E/ICEF/2012/10]*

The report covers 2011, the sixth year of the extended UNICEF medium-term strategic plan (MTSP), 2006-2013. It aims to take stock of changes in the global context affecting children, including emerging issues, review progress made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals and commitments of the Millennium Declaration, and present results and analyse progress in each focus area as well as organizational performance. Trends in progress and performance against key indicators are further analysed in the accompanying data companion.

**4. Report on the progress of gender equality work in UNICEF**
*For discussion [E/ICEF/2012/11]*

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/13, this report provides an update on the progress of the gender equality work of the organization in line with the medium-term strategic plan and the strategic priority action plan for gender equality.

**5. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation**

**(a) Draft country programme documents**
*For action*

At this session, the Executive Board will consider a total of 16 draft country programme documents. These are presented to the Executive Board for discussion and comment, and for approval of the aggregate totals of estimated regular and other resources in the programme budget. The summary results matrix for each country programme document is posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website, and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices are available through the UNICEF Executive Board website, where applicable. Also available on the website, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/17, are the

consolidated results and performance data for the previous programme cycles of each of the 16 draft country programmes.

Taking into account the comments made at the annual session, the draft country programme documents will be revised and posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website, at the latest, six weeks after the annual session for further review by members of the Executive Board. The revised country programme documents will be approved by the Executive Board on a no-objection basis at the 2012 second regular session unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board.

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/17, the Executive Board will be informed of the reasons for deferment of the presentation of 9 draft country programme documents from the annual session to the second regular session of 2012 (E/ICEF/2012/CRP.14).

The 16 draft country programme documents for this session will be presented by region:

Americas and the Caribbean

Belize (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.14)

Bolivia (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.15)

Costa Rica (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.16)

Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

Bulgaria (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.4)

Republic of Moldova (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.5)

Romania (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.6)

East Asia and the Pacific

Pacific Island Countries — multi-country programme (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.7)

Eastern and Southern Africa

Lesotho (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.8)

Middle East and North Africa

Djibouti (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.9)

Jordan (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.10)

South Asia

India (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.11)

Nepal (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.12)

Sri Lanka (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.13)

West and Central Africa

Guinea (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.17)

Guinea-Bissau (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.18)

Liberia (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.19)

Sierra Leone (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.21)

**(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes**
*For action [E/ICEF/2012/P/L.22]*

Further to Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be: (i) informed of the one-year extensions of the ongoing Gulf area subregional programme and the country programmes of Cuba, Mexico, Nigeria and Togo; and (ii) requested to approve the second consecutive one-year extensions of the country programmes of Madagascar and Tunisia as well as the third consecutive one-year extension of Namibia and the two-year extensions of the country programmes of Colombia and Comoros.

## Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

**6. Report of the Ethics Office**
*For information [E/ICEF/2012/12]*

The annual report of the activities of the Ethics Office is submitted to the Executive Board at the annual session in accordance with decision 2010/18.

**7. Annual report on the evaluation function and major evaluations**
*For action [E/ICEF/2012/13]*

This annual report is prepared in response to Executive Board decision 2008/4, which requested UNICEF to report annually to the Executive Board on the evaluation function and on findings and recommendations of evaluations. The report provides information on global developments in evaluation and the current state of the evaluation function in UNICEF, outlining progress in strengthening the decentralized evaluation function. A thematic analysis of programming in the area of violence against children summarizes findings from a meta-evaluation of 52 country-level evaluations conducted between 2005 and 2010. In accordance with its decision 2011/20, the Executive Board will also have before it a succinct management response to the thematic analysis of the annual report.

**8. Office of Internal Audit 2011 annual report to the Executive Board**
*For action [E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.2]; For discussion [E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.3]*

This annual report covers the activities of the Office of Internal Audit in 2011. It provides an overview of the unit, describes the key issues highlighted by its internal audit and investigations work, and gives information on the disclosure of internal audit reports during 2011. The Executive Board will also have before it the response by management that takes into account requests made by the Executive Board in decisions 2006/18, 2007/17, 2008/23, 2009/19 and 2010/17. In addition, the annual report of the UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee is available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

## Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

**9. Reports of the field visits of the Executive Board**

*For information [E/ICEF/2012/CRP.16; E/ICEF/2012/CRP.17; E/ICEF/2012/CRP.18; and E/ICEF/2012/CRP.19]*

Presented for information are: (i) the report of the field visit of the Bureau to Sri Lanka, from 25 February to 2 March 2012; (ii) the report of the field visit of the Executive Board of UNICEF to the Pacific Island Countries from 10 to 21 March 2012; and (iii) the reports of the joint field visit to Djibouti and Ethiopia by members of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services, UNICEF, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the World Food Programme, from 18 to 31 March 2012.

**10. Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association**

The Chairperson of the Global Staff Association addresses the Executive Board at its annual session.

**11. Other matters**

The Executive Board may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

**12. Adoption of draft decisions**

**13. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board**

The Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board.

# Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2012 annual session of UNICEF Executive Board
# 5-8 June 2012[1]

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| **Tuesday, 5 June** | a.m. 10:00-1:00 | *Item 1* | Opening of the session<br>Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director |
| | | *Item 2* | Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work |
| | | *Item 3* | Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF: progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan |
| | p.m. 3:00-5:00 | *Item 3 (cont'd)* | Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF: progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan |
| | 5:00-6:00 | | *Informal consultations* |
| **Wednesday, 6 June** | a.m. 10:00-1:00 | *Item 4* | Report on the progress of gender equality work in UNICEF |
| | | *Item 8* | Office of Internal Audit 2011 annual report to the Executive Board |
| | p.m. 3:00-5:00 | *Item 7* | Annual report on the evaluation function and major evaluations<br>Thematic discussion on results and lessons learned in focus area 5 of the medium-term strategic plan: Policy advocacy and partnerships for children's rights |
| | 5:00-6:00 | | *Informal consultations* |
| **Thursday, 7 June** | a.m. 10:00-1:00 | *Item 5* | Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation<br>(a) Draft country programme documents<br>(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes |
| | p.m. 3:00-5:00 | *Item 5 (cont'd)* | Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation<br>(a) Draft country programme documents<br>(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes |

[1] When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

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| | 5:00-6:00 | | *Informal consultations* |
| **Friday, 8 June** | a.m. 10:00-1:00 | *Item 6* | Report of the Ethics Office |
| | | *Item 9* | Reports of the field visits of the Executive Board |
| | | *Item 10* | Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association |
| | p.m. 3:00-5:00 | *Item 11* | Other matters<br>Provisional list of agenda items for the 2012 second regular session of the Executive Board |
| | | *Item 12* | Adoption of draft decisions |
| | | *Item 13* | Closing of the session<br>Statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board |